



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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Japan Charter Authorizations
1998/1999
(October 1, 1998 - September 30, 1999)

NOTICE

By Orders 92-6-32 and 92-9-21, we established new procedures to simplify the distribution of the annual one-way charters (hereinafter we refer to "one-way charters" simply as "charters") available to U.S. carriers for operation in the U.S.-Japan market.¹ Specifically, we replaced our year-to-year comparative allocation proceedings with streamlined advance allotment/charter pool procedures. Under these procedures a portion of the available charters are allotted in advance to carriers that have operated an average of at least 20 charters over the previous two years. The balance is maintained in a charter pool for distribution on a first-come, first-served basis. Only 300 of these flights may serve Tokyo or Osaka. We stated that advance allotments would be issued six months before the beginning of the charter year to qualifying carriers for the upcoming charter year.

Based on the attached summary of carrier operations in the U.S.-Japan market, and in accordance with the procedures established in Orders 92-6-32 and 92-9-21, we issue advance allotments to the following carriers for charter operations for the 1998/1999 charter year (October 1, 1998 - September 30, 1999): Continental Micronesia - 274 and Federal Express - 22. The remaining 104 flights are reserved in a charter pool for distribution on a first-come, first-served basis.

As discussed in Order 92-9-21, we require carriers issued advance allotments to notify the U.S. Air Carrier Licensing Division (X-44), Office of International Aviation, by letter no later than 14 days after the service date of this notice as to what portion of their advance allotment they intend to operate, together with an estimate of the number of charters to be used for Tokyo/Osaka service.

¹ Four hundred charters will be available for the forthcoming charter year. See 1998 U.S.-Japan Memorandum of Understanding.

The advance allotments issued by this notice and flights operated from the charter pool for operations in the 1998/1999 charter year are subject to the conditions and procedures established for such flights in ordering paragraphs 4 through 8 of Order 92-9-21. Carriers operating flights from the charter pool should identify the date of the Notice of Consistency under which those flights were approved.

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Attachment

*An electronic version of this notice is available on the World Wide Web at
<http://dms.dot/general/orders/aviation.html>*

U.S.-JAPAN CHARTER OPERATIONS

1996

1997

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Total</u>
Continental Micronesia	12*	21*	12*	15*	55*	14*	8	10	13	30	54	16	260
Federal Express	3*	4*	1*	1*	1*	1*	3	3	4	1	1	0	23

1997

1998

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Total</u>
Continental Micronesia	8	6	8	1	19	28	10	18	12	12	28	0	288
		10*	10*	22*	51*	19*				10*	10*	6*	
Federal Express	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	1	2	1	1	8	20

*Flights obtained from the charter pool

Two Year Average

	<u>1996/1997</u>	<u>1997/1998</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Rounded to Next Even Number²</u>
Continental Micronesia	260	288	274	274
Federal Express	23	20	21.5	22

² Our procedures provide that the average number will be rounded to the next even number. See Order 92-6-32 at page 4.

